

Curriculum Vitae

Kukkamari Gröndahl

Musician (violin, viola, piano, voice), writer, actor

Born in Oulu, Finland on 09/19/1993. Citizenship and passport: Finland/USA

Languages : fluent Finnish, fluent English, good French and Spanish, intermediate Swedish and basic Russian

Education

2016 - 2020: courses in acting and dramaturgy at The Open University for the Arts Helsinki

2015 : Savonia University of Applied Sciences, Kuopio, Finland. Music pedagogy (BM). Violin teacher: Zoja Istomina

2011 - 2013 : Manhattan School of Music, New York, USA. Violin performance (BM).

Violin teacher: Grigory Kalinovsky. Chamber music teachers: Laurie Carney (violin), Daniel Avshalomov (viola), Javier Gándara (horn). Brief studies with Karen Ritscher (viola) and Sara Caswell (jazz violin).

Ruth Chatfield String Instrument Scholarship

2008 - 2011 : Manhattan School of Music Precollege, New York, USA.

Violin teacher: Grigory Kalinovsky. Chamber music teacher: Nicholas Canellakis.

Concertmaster of Philharmonic Orchestra; Concerto Competition Winner

Kate Bamberger Scholarship

2008 : Brief studies with Renee Jolles and Lewis Kaplan, New York, USA

1997 - 2008 : Hoff-Barthelson Music School, New York, USA.

Violin teachers: Anca Nicolau (1997 – 2004), Peggy Klinger (2004 – 2008), Chamber music teachers: Gerald Robbins, Karen Dreyfus and Gena Raps.

Honors Program, masterclasses with NY Philharmonic and various other well-known artists

Musical employment

2021-present: music theory teacher online for middle school students

2021: string quartet member at Meri-Lappi Jousikvartetti (substitute violinist for spring season)

2021 summer: artist in residence in Karstula, Finland

2019: musician for Lincoln Center Stage – Holland America Line cruise ship

2019: concertmaster for Helsinki Metropolitan Orchestra

2014 – 2017: Kuopion Kaupunginorkesteri (substitute violinist)

2014: Garden State Philharmonic (substitute assistant concertmaster & assistant principle 2nd)

Bergen Symphony Orchestra (substitute assistant concertmaster)

2008 - 2009: assistant to Chamber Orchestra at Hoff-Barthelson Music School, New York

2007 - 2012: violin soloist at Scarsdale Community Baptist Church, New York

2004 - present: solo, chamber music and orchestral performer and educator

Other employment

2020 - present: screenwriter, Subscript Millennial

2022: English teacher online to Finnish students

2021 summer: social media influencer for city of Karstula, Finland

2020 - 2022: cleaner at Kairest Oy

2020: high school English and English literature teacher in Kuopio, Finland – IB Diploma Program

2019: door to door fundraiser for UNICEF

2019: writer for Freelance Scandinavia in Finnish

2018 – present: English tutor and mentor

2017 – present: blogger

2017 – 2019: elementary and middle school substitute teacher (Helsinki)

2015: personal assistant for disabled mother and son

2014 - 2016: volunteer English teacher and private tutor at Kuopio Multicultural center Kompassi

2011 - 2012: recording assistant at Myers Recording Studio, Manhattan School of Music, New York

2011 - 2012: stage technician at Manhattan School of Music Production Department, New York

2010 - 2011: academic tutor for middle school student

Orchestral experience (highlights)

2019: accepted to Orkester Norden as concertmaster and Baltic Sea Philharmonic

2019: Helsinki Metropolitan Orchestra (concertmaster), Helsinki, Finland

2014 - 2017: Kuopion Kaupunginorkesteri (substitute violinist and intern), Kuopio, Finland

2015: Yphil International Youth Orchestra, Carnegie Hall, New York

2012 - 2014: Garden State Philharmonic (substitute assistant concertmaster & assistant principle 2nd), New Jersey

Bergen Symphony Orchestra (substitute assistant concertmaster), New Jersey

Kurt Masur Conducting Seminar Orchestra, New York

Pacific Music Festival Orchestra, Japan, China

MSM Symphony and Chamber Sinfonia, Manhattan, New York

2010 - 2012: MSM Philharmonia, Manhattan, New York

MSM Jazz Philharmonic, Manhattan, New York / Concertmaster

World Youth Alliance Chamber Orchestra, Manhattan, New York & Connecticut

2010 - 2011: MSM Precollege Philharmonic, Manhattan, New York / Concertmaster

2009, 2010: New York Youth Symphony, Carnegie Hall (a leading US youth orchestra)

Solo and Chamber Music Performances (highlights)

2018: Soloist with Sibelius Academy Conductors' Orchestra

2016: Solo performances in Petrozavodsk and Kondopoga, Russia

2015: Soloist with AmKo-Sinfonia and Nuorisosinfoniaorkesteri, Kuopio, Finland

2011: Soloist with Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra, New York

Soloist with Manhattan School of Music Precollege Philharmonic, New York

Soloist with World Youth Alliance Chamber Orchestra, Connecticut

String quartet performance at US Embassy in Ottawa, ON, Canada

Duo performance at UN Church Center, Manhattan, New York

2010: Soloist with Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra, New York

2006: Piano trio performance at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, New York

Theater and film (highlights)

2022: Maria Kallio TV show - extra

Pohjolan Laki TV show - extra

Pohjantähti-TV show - role: cashier

2020: Olipa Kerran Kyllikki (film) – role: landlord

Duus (film) – role: violinist

Tove (film) – extra

Pohjolan Laki (tv show) - extra